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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08BERLIN643	2008-05-16 10:14	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Berlin

Appears in these articles:

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ZNY SSSSS ZZH
P 161014Z MAY 08
FM AMEMBASSY BERLIN
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1230
INFO RUCNFRG/FRG COLLECTIVE
RUEHAD/AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI 0151
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E.o. 12958: decl: 05/16/2033
Tags: parm, prel, ettc, mtcre, ksca, ir, gm
Subject: (s) germany requests information concerning
iranian procurement of xxxxxxxxxxxx test chamber

Ref: a. 07 state 75839
b. State 15220
c. Berlin 195
d. State 40087
e. Berlin 511

Classified By: Glbal Affairs Unit Chief Don L. Brown for

reasons 14 (b) and (d).

¶1. (u) this is an action request. Please see para 5.

¶2. (S) On May 13, MFA Export Control Division Desk Officer Wiebke Wacker provided Global Affairs Officer with a German-language nonpaper requesting information from U.S. concerning an Iranian national, xxxxxxxxxxxx, in connection with the Iranian procurement of a German origin environmental test chamber from the firm xxxxxxxxxxxx. In support of a current investigation, the Germans are specifically interested in knowing whether the USG has any information indicating that xxxxxxxxxxxx was aware that the Iranian firm Shahid Bakeri Industrial Group (SBIG) would be the actual end-user of the environmental test chamber.

¶3. (S) In a May 5 meeting, Wacker provided Global Affairs Officer with further background information concerning this information request. According to the German Customs Office of Criminal Investigation (Zollkriminalamt, or ZKA), Wacker said, xxxxxxxxxxxx was confronted (and possibly detained) by U.S. authorities in February 2008 while applying for a visa at AmConGen Dubai. Wacker said the ZKA has assessed that information concerning xxxxxxxxxxxx business contacts with xxxxxxxxxxxx is a critical piece of evidence needed to support the ZKA's ongoing investigation into xxxxxxxxxxxx and Iranian efforts to procure an environmental chamber from xxxxxxxxxxxx.

¶4. (S) Begin informal Embassy translation of German-language nonpaper:

With reference to the Non-Papers from June 1, 2007, August 3, 2007, December 18, 2007, February 15, 2008, and April 21, 2008 regarding the procurement of an environmental test chamber by the Iranian xxxxxxxxxxxx from the German xxxxxxxxxxxx via Romania and Croatia, we take this opportunity to ask the U.S. authorities about the following points:

The German export control authorities have learned that xxxxxxxxxxxx was approached by U.S. authorities about these matters. Because the German authorities have also undertaken investigative measures, we are interested in information concerning the results of these conversations.

The U.S. authorities reported in their Non Paper from April 21, 2008, that the Iranian firm SBIG is the actual intended recipient of the test chamber. The German export control authorities are accordingly interested in knowing whether the German citizen xxxxxxxxxxxx had knowledge of this end-user.

We thank you for the information in connection with the SBIG's procurement attempts and we look forward to continuing our excellent cooperation in the area of export controls.

End text of informal Embassy translation.

¶5. (SBU) ACTION REQUEST: Post requests Department guidance in responding to the questions posed in the German nonpaper. Timken jr